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AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

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Cromwell Advertisements

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

FAMILY GROCERS

WINE, SPIRIT, AND GENERAL MERCHANTS.

We desire to intimate that in order to meet the growing exigencies of our business, we have lately built substantial stone additions to our former premises.

At the urgent request of our numerous customers, we have added to our other branches of business, that of

DRAPEY, CROCKERY, & IRONMONGERY.

We would further notify that, having engaged a Buyer in connection with our business to select special lines consigned from the Home and Melbourne markets, we will in future be in a position to offer such superior advantages to our customers as will not fail to ensure a continuance of their liberal patronage, and, more especially, will command the attention and confidence of the Trade, Runholders, and Large Buyers.

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.

Our GROCERY STOCK comprises:

Teas, of excellent flavour, in chests, half-chests, and boxes
Coffees, from the pure bean, ground on the premises
Cocoa: Chocolate, of the best brands
Sugars: crystals of every shade, and crushed loaf
Bacon, Cheese, Butter: weekly supplies from the best dairies
Jams, Jellies, and Pickles

TOBACCO.

Imperial, Aromatic, cable-twist—superior Cameron's celebrated brands—Havelock, Golden Bar, Venus tens
Barrett's Twist, in quarter-tierces and boxes.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Brandies: Hennessy's, Associated Vineyard, Martell's, in bulk and case
Whiskies: Old Glenury, Islay, Longjohn's, in bulk and case
Rum: Lemon Hart's
Port: Fine old Offley's, six grape
Sherry: Gonzola, six diamond
Gin: J & K Geneva, Nectar, and Kummell
Old Tom: Burnett's, Bernard's
Claret: St. Julien's

IRONMONGERY STOCK

Blasting powder and fuse
Gunpowder, caps, and shot
Long and short handled shovels
Spades, sluice forks
Picks and pickhandles
Gold dishes, hose-pipes
Drills and drilling hammers
Manilla and flax ropes
White lead, castor, boiled, and colza oils
Galvanised and corrugated iron
Stoves and piping

CANVAS, SADDLERY, AND BRUSHWARE.

HOLT'S SEWING MACHINES: CABINET AND HAND.

DRAPERY AND CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Suits: silk-mixture, Galatea, Paget, sac
Boys' do.
Trousers and Vests: Mosgiel, silk-mixed, tweed, doeskin
Shirts: white dress, crimpans, Scotch twill, tweed
Pants and undershirts, in flannel, lamb's-wool, merino, and cotton
Hosiery and hats

BOOTS & SHOES.

Boots: men's elastic-sides, watertight, half-Wellingtons; Hayward and North British Gum Boot
Women's and children's Boots, Shoes, and Slippers, in calf, kid, and cashmere.

N.B.—All goods in this department are marked at low prices.

CROCKERYWARE.

Breakfast, dinner, and bedroom sets complete
Lamps: parlour, hausing, bracket

FILTERS, VASES, AND LUSTRES.

FANCY GOODS.
Electro-plated Britannia-metal tea and coffee pots; meerschaum and briar pipes—a choice selection; patent medicines; stationery; perfumery.

COLONIAL PRODUCE: Wheat, Oats, Chaff, Pollard, and Potatoes.

D. A. J. & Co. have been appointed sole agents for the sale of Butel Bros.' superior silk-dressed flour, bran, and pollard; and are prepared to promptly execute all orders within a radius of sixty miles.—FLOUR GUARANTEED. TERMS LIBERAL.

SHERWOOD AND WRIGHT,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANTS, AND General Storekeepers

MELMORE STREET, CROMWELL.

Having most complete arrangements for the regular consignment of Goods suitable to the market, Sherwood and Wright have pleasure in intimating that they have now on hand, and constantly arriving, full supplies of

WINES, SPIRITS, PROVISIONS, AND

FAMILY GROCERIES

of the very best quality obtainable, and which will be found to compare most favorably as to price with those of any establishment on the Goldfields.

The Stock comprises every class of goods in above line, so that it is unnecessary to give a detailed list.

Messrs Sherwood and Wright have made arrangements for a constant supply of

FLOUR, BRAN, POLLARD, AND GENERAL PRODUCE

of the finest quality from the Wakatipu Mills. In this line the firm can offer special value.

GOODS DELIVERED TO ALL PARTS OF THE DISTRICT.

FAMILIES REGULARLY WAITED UPON.

S. & W. desire specially to state that they have entered into arrangements for the regular supply to them of

DAIRY PRODUCE

from one of the finest farms on the Taieri, an advantage which they feel sure their customers will fully appreciate.

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I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,

GENERAL CLOTHING, DRAPERY, & GROCERIES

HAVE ON HAND

THE LARGEST AND BEST-SELECTED STOCK

OF ANY UP-COUNTRY STORE IN

DRAPERY, BOOTS, IRONMONGERY, CROCKERY

WINES and SPIRITS

SPECIAL ATTENTION DEVOTED TO

MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING,

DIRECT FROM OUR OWN FACTORY.

A LARGE STOCK OF

FURNITURE AND BUILDING MATERIALS

ALWAYS ON HAND.

AGENTS FOR

Robertson & Hallenstein's Celebrated Silk-dressed Wakatip Flour.

A GOOD SUPPLY OF BRAN, POLLARD, AND PRODUCE OF ALL KINDS. ALWAYS ON HAND

I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.

W. TALBOYS' REDUCED PRICE LIST OF

WINTER DRAPERY, CLOTHING &c

Winceys, 10d and 1s

Satin Cloths, new shades, 1s 6d

French Merinos, 2s, 2s 6d and 3s

All Wool Plaids, 2s 11d

Fancy Dress, 10s 6d, 12s 6d and 15s

Black Silks, 60s; Colored, 50s (the Dress)

Black and Colored Lustres, 11d and 1s 3d

Costume Cloths, 11d, 1s 3d and 1s 6d

Horrocks' Calico, 5s 9d per doz

Unbleached Calico, 5s 9d per doz

Real Welsh Flannel, 1s 3d and 1s 6d

Colored Flannels in Twill and Plain

White Blankets, 13s 6d per pair

Colored Blankets, 14s—large stock

Sheeting, 72in, 1s 6d

Turkish Towels, 12s per doz

Tweeds, 3s 6d, 4s 6d and 5s 6d

Carpets and Mattings, from 1s 4d

Men's, Youths' and Boys' Clothing in Colonial and English Tweeds and makes

Men's Suits, 37s 6d, 40s and 45s; Pagets, 50s

Trousers and Vests, 17s 6d, 22s 6d and 25s

Trousers, Tweed, 10s 6d, 12s 6d, and 15s

White and Colored Moles, three crown, 9s

Coats, splendid stock new goods, from 17s 6d

Beaver Jackets, 16s 6d

Knit Drawers, 5s 6d, 7s 6d and 9s 6d

Serge Drawers, 7s 6d; Cotton, 3s

Shirts, job lot, at 4s 6d; Crimean, 5s to 10s

Flannels, large sizes, 5s 6d, 6s 6d and 7s 6d

Boys' Knicker Suits, 10s 6d; 15s and 17s 6d

Youths' Suits, 25s, 30s, and 32s 6d

Men's White Embroidered Shirts

Gent's Scarfs in great variety

Large stock Felt Hats, 4s, 5s and 6s 6d

Bed Rugs, large size, 12s 6d

A Large and Varied Stock of New Goods in Ladies' and Children's Jackets, Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats, Gloves, Scarfs, Lace Sets, Hosiery, Ribbons and Trimmings.

TALBOYS' CHEAP GROCERY QUOTATIONS

New Season Tea, (Boxes of 12lb), 23s

Cocoa (pound tins), 1s 6d

Muscatales, 1s 2d per lb

Jordan Almonds, 2s 3d per lb

Elemes, 7d per lb

Lemon Peel, 1s 5d per lb

Two-crown Soap, 12s per box

Three-crown Soap, 14s per box

Dates, 10d per lb

Condensed milk, 1s

Kerosene (Noonday), 12s per tin

Fresh Herrings, 8d per tin.

Lobsters, 11d per tin

Salmon, 11d per tin

Sardines (half-pound tins), 11d

Sardines (quarter-pound tins), 7d

Oysters, 8d per tin

Taiush's Jams, 11d per tin

Figs, 1s per box

Preserved Fruits, 2s.

Pickles, 1s per bottle

Candles 11d per lb

ABOVE PRICES ARE STRICTLY CASH.

Men's Elastic Sides, Lace-ups and Watertight, Colonial Made, 14s 6d.

A large stock of Ladies' and Children's Kid Boots (Copper Toes), 4s 6d.

W. TALBOYS, LONDON HOUSE, CROMWELL.

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The following are the days appointed for holding the Resident Magistrate's and Warden's Courts for the months of June, July, August and September, 1880, for the Dunstan division of the Otago Goldfields Districts:—

CLYDE—Every Thursday, excepting the 10th Teviot Court week.

CROMWELL—Every Friday.

ALEXANDRA—Monday, June 14 and 28

“ July 12 and 26

“ August 9 and 23

“ September 6 and 20

[The District Court Office at Alexandra will be open on the above dates for the transaction of business. For the transaction of ordinary business this office will be open every Monday.]

OPHIR—Tuesday, June 29

“ July 27

“ August 24

“ September 21

[This office will be open for the transaction of ordinary business the Tuesday preceding each Court day.]

ROXBURGH—Tuesday, July 20

“ August 17

“ September 14

JACKSON KEDDELL,
Warden and R.M.

M R SPENCE H. TURTON
BARRISTER,
SOLICITOR, AND CONVEYANCER,
CROMWELL
(TWO DOORS BELOW GOODGER'S HOTEL).

Mr TURTON will visit Alexandra and Blaick every Court day, and Clyde when professionally required.

T H O M A S F O O T E,
TAILOR AND CLOTHIER
MELMORE TERRACE,
C R O M W E L L.

Choice Selection of Tweeds on hand.

K. P R E T S C H.
CROMWELL,
COACH AND GENERAL PAINTER,
PAPERHANGER, &c.
Has always on hand a fine selection of Paper hangings, Paints, Glass, and Mouldings of every description, at low prices.

Contracts undertaken for General Painting, Paperhanging, Decoration, and Sign Writing.

E. M U R R E L L,
WATCHMAKER & JEWELLER,
Has just received, per English Mail, another consignment of SILVER HUNTING LEVER WATCHES direct from the manufacturer in London. As these Watches are made to his own order, bear his name, and specially made to suit the requirements of this district, he can with confidence recommend them to the public both as regards finish and accuracy of adjustment, and as Time-keepers not to be exceeded in the colony.

E. M. has made arrangements for regular supplies, and as he buys for cash he is in a position to defy competition.

A Two Years' Guarantee given with every Watch.

INSPECTION INVITED.

Note the address—

E. MURRELL,
Watch and Clock Maker,
MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

N O B E L ' S P A T E N T D Y N A M I T E.

DALGETY, NICHOLS AND CO., Agents for the above Dynamite, beg to call the attention of Contractors, Miners and others, to the great strength of Dynamite, compared with other explosives as shown below:—

Blasting Gelatine, 100.00, Nobel's patent.

Nitro Glycerine, 93.36

No. 1 Dynamite, 75.11, Nobel's patent

Lithofracteur of the strongest and best make, 65.69.

The price of Nobel's Dynamite, notwithstanding its greater strength and purity, does not exceed even that of Lithofracteur, viz.:—

1 Case 50 lbs, 2s 9d per lb

5 " " 2s 6d "

10 " " 2s 3d "

Delivery to be taken from Magazine.

DALGETY, NICHOLS, AND CO.

Bond-street, Dunedin.

N.B.—Supplies may be obtained from

D. A. JOLLY & CO., Cromwell.

W. JENKINS, Arrowtown.

Miscellaneous.

R. AND A. J. PARK,
SURVEYORS, LAND AGENTS,
SHARE AND MONEY BROKERS,
SAVINGS BANK BUILDINGS,
HIGH-STREET, DUNEDIN.
Land Office business transacted.

MONEY TO LEND AT CURRENT RATES.

P. B U T T E L & CO.'S
FLOUR MILLS,
NEAR ARROWTOWN,

Supply First-class

SILK-DRESSED FLOUR, BRAN AND POLLARD.

GRISTING DONE AT CURRENT RATES.

Country orders executed with care and dispatch. An excellent sample of flour guaranteed, cannot be excelled in the Colony.

VINCENT FLOUR MILL,
OPHIR.

J. C. JONES

Begs to inform the inhabitants of the surrounding districts that, having now completed the above Flour Mill, which he has fitted up with machinery on the most improved principle, he is prepared to supply

SILK-DRESSED FLOUR
of the best quality; also, Bran and Pollard.

Gristing at Current Rates.

J. C. JONES.

WAKATIP FLOUR & OATMEAL
MILLS, LAKE HAYES.

ROBERT GILMOUR - PROPRIETOR.

The Proprietor begs to announce to the public that, owing to the increased demand for Oatmeal, he has now completed considerable improvements on his oatmeal machinery, and is prepared to supply a first-class article at a most reasonable rate.

R.G.'s Mill being under the management of a Miller of wide experience, the public can depend upon a Constant Supply of Flour of the best quality, and can offer it at as cheap a rate and upon as reasonable terms as any in the district.

ROBERT GILMOUR.

N O T I C E

On and after this date, POISON will be LAID for DOGS and RABBITS on Mount Pisa and Queenberry Runs.

H. F. WILLMOTT,
Manager.

Mount Pisa Station, April 2, 1880.

N O T I C E

A number of useless Curs are allowed to prowl about on Kawarau Station by their owners. This is to give them warning that POISON will be laid wherever they are most likely to get it.

JAMES COWAN.

October, 1877.

N O T I C E

On and after this date, POISON will be laid for Rabbits on Ardgour Station.

J. S. DEWAR,

Manager.

July 1, 1880.

THE AUSTRALIAN LITHOFRACTEUR AND DYNAMITE CO.
(KREBS' PATENT.)

ARTHUR BRISCOE & CO.,
Having accepted the above Company's Agency or New Zealand, direct the attention of Railway and other Contractors, Miners, and Quarrymen to the enormous advantages derived from the use of these STRONGEST EXPLOSIVES MANUFACTURED.

For Mining, Quarrying, Blasting in hard or soft rock, and for Submarine Works (Krebs' Patent being the only manufacture insoluble) it is invaluable.

The SUPERIOR STRENGTH of these COLONIAL EXPLOSIVES has been proved by experts to be 15 to 20 per cent. stronger than any imported Dynamite, while the present price renders it cheaper than blasting powder.

Price—1 case, 2s 9d per lb.

5 " " 2s 6d "

10 " " 2s 3d "

Delivery from magazine payable by purchaser.

ARTHUR BRISCOE & CO.,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL IRONMONGERS AND

IRON MERCHANTS,

PRINCES-STREET, DUNEDIN.

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S W A N B R E W E R Y,
CROMWELL.

G. W. GOODGER . . . Proprietor.

The Proprietor is now prepared to supply his unrivalled XXXX ALES in any quantity, delivered throughout the District.

Orders left at the Commercial Hotel, Cromwell, or at the Brewery, will be promptly attended to.

G. W. GOODGER.

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND
General

BLACKSMITH & FARRIER,

Begs to intimate to Mining Companies and the public generally that he has removed to QUARTZVILLE, where he hopes, by strict attention to business and reasonable charges, to merit a share of the public patronage.

CROMWELL

VETERINARY SHOEING FORGE,
MELMORE STREET.

ROBERT WISHART,
GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER, MACHINIST,
&c.

Every description of work in connection with Mining and Farming Tools and Machinery made and repaired on the premises.

Good Workmanship guaranteed at Reasonable Prices.

R. W. begs to intimate to the public generally that he has gone to the expense of fitting up a CAST-IRON BED for TIRING WHEELS, being the first introduced up-country; and in this branch he will guarantee to give every satisfaction.

Horses shod on the latest and most-approved principle.

Light shoes 10s.

Draught do. 16s.

N.B.—A large supply of Slesinger's Horse and Cattle Medicines on hand.

IMPORTANT TO WAGONERS, FARMERS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

NEW VETERINARY & SHOEING FORGE.

JAMES RICHARDS,

GENERAL BLACKSMITH AND FARRIER,
Having removed to the premises recently occupied by R. Wishart (adjoining Bank of New Zealand), begs to inform the public that he is in a position to execute every class of work in a most satisfactory manner at reasonable prices.

In the Veterinary and Shoeing Department the advertiser has considerable experience, and in these branches can guarantee to suit those who favor him with their patronage.

Horses carefully and skilfully treated for all complaints.

Note the Address—

MELMORE STREET, CROMWELL,

Adjoining the Bank of New Zealand.

W A N T E D K N O W N.

The SCHOONER NUN having undergone a THOROUGH REPAIRING, the Owner will place her on easy service with Runholders and Butchers, who may have fat stock to send to market.

All orders for Black Pine and Totaro Posts and Rails will receive immediate attention.

Always on hand a large stock of Firewood.

IRON PIPING! IRON PIPING!!

CANVAS AND WOODEN FLUMING SUPERSEDED!

GEORGE PRESCOTT,

S. T. BATHANS,
Begs to intimate to Proprietors and Mine Managers that he is now Manufacturing

IRON PIPING

(SUITABLE FOR SLUICING AND OTHER PURPOSES)

At a cost which will compare favorably with Dunedin prices, while his practical knowledge of Miners' requirements enables him to furnish a more suitable article than that imported.

Pipes made any length convenient for packing, and sent to any part of the country according to agreement.

G. P. would wish to draw the attention of Proprietors and Managers of Hydraulic-worked Mines to the utility and economy of the WATER DIRECTOR with the Ball and Socket Joint, which can be attached to the Iron Piping, thus altogether dispensing with canvas hose; and, with full pressure on, a child of ten years can move it any direction.

Note the Address—

GEORGE PRESCOTT

S. T. BATHANS.

Miscellaneous.

NORWICH UNION FIRE INSUR.

ANCE SOCIETY

RISKS TAKEN ON THE MOST LIBERAL TERMS.

JAMES MARSHALL,
Melmore-Street, Cromwell

K A W A R A U C O A L P I T,
BANNOCKBURN.

JOHN PRYDE, Proprietor.

The Coal supplied from above Pit is recognised as the best yet vended in the district. It burns freely, and emits great heat. It is delivered at Cromwell ... 24s per ton.
Bannockburn ... 20s do.
At Pit's mouth ... 12s do.

FULL WEIGHT GUARANTEED:
JOHN PRYDE,
Proprietor.

C O A L ! C O A L ! ! C O A L ! ! !
BEST QUALITY IN DISTRICT.

EDWARD M'NULTY, JUNR.

Having opened the Coal-pit known as M'Langlin's, and placed same in thorough working order, is prepared to sell this Superior Coal—which burns brightly in stove or grate—at the following prices:—

At Pit's mouth ... 12s per Ton.
Delivered in Cromwell ... 20s per Ton.
Delivered at Bannockburn 20s per Ton.
16 Bags to the Ton!

EDWARD M'NULTY,
Proprietor.

W A N A K A S A W - M I L L S.

RUSSELL, EWING & CO.,
PROPRIETORS.

The Proprietors have placed the above Mills in complete working order with the best appliances obtainable and are prepared to supply Manufactured Timber of every description; Posts, Rails, Props, Slabs, &c. &c., at the shortest possible notice, at reasonable prices and on easy terms.

Orders punctually attended to and despatched with promptitude.

RUSSELL, EWING & CO.,
WANAKA SAW MILLS.

C E N T R A L R E G I S T R Y O F F I C E.

E. LYONS begs to

Hotels, &c.
CARRICK RANGE HOTEL,
BANNOCKBURN.
(0.2 miles)

GEORGE MASON, PROPRIETOR.
Having leased the above hotel from Mr Peake,
the undersigned has completely renovated the
premises, and effected such improvements as
were necessary for the entire comfort and con-
venience of the public, rendering the house one
of the best in the district.

THE PUBLIC HALL.
Attached to the Hotel has also been fitted up
for meetings, entertainments, &c.

ALCOCK'S PRIZE BILLIARD TABLE AND COMMODIOUS
ROOM, SUPPLIED WITH EVERY REQUIREMENT.

Wines, Spirits and Beer of best brands and brew.
GEORGE MASON,
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VICTORIA BRIDGE HOTEL
J. M' CORMICK, Proprietor.

The above well-known Hotel (late Edwards)
has undergone a thorough renovation at the
hands of the present proprietor, and is now
second to no house on the main road from Crom-
well to Queenstown.

Travellers may rest assured that they will re-
ceive every attention at the above Hotel.

The excellent range of STONE STABLES is
under the charge of an experienced Groom.
Horses will therefore secure every attention.

BANNOCKBURN HOTEL & STORE,
DOCTOR'S FLAT, BANNOCKBURN,
(On the Main Road to the Nevis).

GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, AND HOUSE-
HOLD REQUISITES of all descriptions
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THE Goods, being obtained DIRECT from
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N.B.—Good Stabling, Horse Feed, &c.
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JAMES STUART,

(Late of the Ferry Hotel, Bannockburn,)
Begs to intimate to his friends and the public
that he has purchased the above Hotel, where
he hopes, by strict attention to business, and by
keeping the best Wines and Spirits, to merit a
share of public patronage.

A first-class table kept, and superior eight-stall
stone stable, replete with every convenience
for Travellers. Unsurpassed in the
District.

N.B.—The nearest Hotel to the Court-house.

CRITERION HOTEL,
ALEXANDRA,
HENRY TOHILL, Proprietor.

H. TOHILL begs to inform the Travelling
Public that this Hotel possesses every conveni-
ence, and trusts, by strict attention to the
comfort of Travellers and the Public, generally,
to merit their patronage.

PRIVATE PARLOR AND BEDROOMS.
Large and commodious Billiard-Room and
Alcock's Prize Table.

THE BEST OF WINES, SPIRITS AND BEER ONLY
KEPT.

The Culinary Department Specially attended to.
Good STABLING.

PORT PHILIP HOTEL,
SUNDERLAND STREET, CLYDE,
JOHN COX, Proprietor.

This well-known Hotel possesses every ac-
commodation, and J. C. begs to inform the Travelling Public that, to suit the times, he has
determined on reducing the charges, which,
from date, will be as follows:

Stabling, per night 6s
Single Feed 2s
Meals and Bed, each 2s
Board and Lodging, per week 30s
Board only 20s

The Stables attached to the Hotel comprise,
besides Stalls, Eight Loose Boxes, An
efficient Groom always in attend-
ance, and only the best of
Provender kept.

Cubb and Co.'s. coaches arrive and depart from
this Hotel.

THE BEST BRANDS OF SPIRITS, WINES, AND
BEERS.

N.B.—A Private Cottage for Families, contain-
ing all the comforts of a home.

EDWARD'S HOTEL, CROMWELL,
J. M' CORMICK, PROPRIETOR.

THE BRIDGE HOTEL, CROMWELL,
J. M' CORMICK, PROPRIETOR.

VALUE FOR MONEY.

THE GLOBE HOTEL, CROMWELL,
(Junction of Melmore and Errol Streets).

D. MURLEY, PROPRIETOR.

At the above Hotel has also been fitted up
for meetings, entertainments, &c.

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COUNTIES GAZETTE.

NOTICE.

POISONED WHEAT will be laid on the Dunstan and Cromwell Commonages on and after this date for Rabbits.

GEORGE CLARK,
County Clerk.

Vincent County Offices,
Clyde, June 26th, 1880.

BOROUGH OF CROMWELL.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR.

EXTRAORDINARY VACANCY.

NOMINATIONS for the office of Councillor for BRIDGE WARD will take place at the Council Chambers, at Noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of September.

Dated at Cromwell this 6th day of September, 1880.

JAS. MARSHALL,
Returning Officer for Bridge Ward.

BOROUGH OF CROMWELL.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR.

EXTRAORDINARY VACANCY.

NOMINATIONS for the office of Councillor for KAWARAU WARD will take place at the Atheneum, at Noon on THURSDAY, the 16th day of September.

Dated at Cromwell this 6th day of September, 1880.

JAS. MARSHALL,
Returning Officer for Kawarau Ward.

NOTICE.

The ELECTORAL ROLL for the Dunstan District, for the year 1880-1881, is kept at my office, Court-house, Clyde, and at the Court-houses, Cromwell, Alexandra, and Ophir, for PUBLIC INSPECTION.

Forms of application to be placed on the Roll to be had at my office.

Copies of the printed Roll supplied on payment of One Shilling.

ARTHUR D. HARVEY,
Registrar of Electors.

NOTICE.

TENDERS FOR INLAND MAIL SERVICES FOR 1881 AND 1882.

General Post-office,
Wellington, 17th August, 1880.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the Chief Post-office, Dunedin, until THURSDAY, the 30th September proximo, for the Conveyance of Mails between the undermentioned places, for a period of two years, from the 1st January, 1881, to 31st December, 1882.

POSTAL DISTRICT OF DUNEDIN.

46. Cromwell and Quartzville, weekly
47. Cromwell and Quartzville, twice weekly
48. Quartzville and Upper Nevis, weekly.
49. Cromwell, Bendigo, and Pembroke, weekly.
50. Cromwell, Bendigo, and Pembroke, twice weekly
51. Pembroke and Cardrona, weekly.

The attention of intending tenderers is directed to the following clause of the terms and conditions of the contract, printed at the back of the tender-forms:—"The days and hours of arrival and departure to be fixed from time to time as the Postmaster-general may direct. For services performed by coach no stage shall exceed twelve miles, except by special permission from the Postmaster-general, who shall determine whether or not longer stages are unavoidable."

Contractors whose tenders may be accepted must be prepared to carry out the services for which they tender according to the time-tables framed by the department.

Forms of tender, with the terms and conditions of contract, may be procured at any post-office.

No tender will be considered unless made on the printed form.

Tenders, endorsed "Tender for Mail Service, No. to be addressed to be Postmaster-general, Wellington, and enclosed to the Chief Postmaster of the postal district to which the tender may specially refer."

W. GRAY,
Secretary.

Postmaster of the postal district to which the tender may specially refer.

V. R.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

Estate of GEORGE LUDEMAN, Runholder of Dart District, Wakatipu.

The first and only Dividend of 2s 6d in the Pound will be payable at my office, Ballarat-street, Queenstown, on and after MONDAY, September 13th, 1880, to those Creditors who have duly proved their claim.

Dated at Queenstown this 9th day of September, 1880.

JOHN EDGAR,
Creditor's Trustee.

BANNOCKBURN QUADRILLE ASSEMBLY.

The above Assembly will CLOSE on the evening of WEDNESDAY, the 22nd inst., with A DOUBLE PROGRAMME.

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED.

Admission (Non-Members) 5a.

WM. LAKE,
Hon. Secretary.

A THENÆUM HALL, CROMWELL, THURSDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER.

JENNY NYE'S PARTY OF ODDITIES.

Grand Farewell Performance
—ONE NIGHT ONLY—

ENTIRE CHANGE OF PROGRAMME!

The Entertainment will commence with the Comedy entitled
A PAIR OF PIGEONS.

PART II.—GRAND MUSICAL MELANGE.

PART III.—The Screaming Farce entitled
"WHICH SHALL I MARRY?"

REDUCTION OF PRICES.

PEMBROKE . . . FRIDAY, 24th September.
BANNOCKBURN . . . MONDAY, 27th.



CROMWELL COLORED MINSTRELS.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

AN ENTERTAINMENT
WILL BE GIVEN BY THE ABOVE IN

THE CROMWELL ATHENÆUM
ON

FRIDAY EVENING 8TH OCTOBER.

PROGRAMME IN FUTURE ISSUE.

SNOWBALL.

MONDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER.

At 2 o'Clock, sharp.

AT CARDRONA.

THE EMPIRE HOTEL.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

BILLIARD TABLE

STABLES, OUTHOUSES, &c.

Well-Stocked Orchard.

MESSRS PRESTON & COPE have received positive instructions from Mrs Bond to sell by public auction, on the premises, on Monday, 27th September instant, at 2 o'clock sharp,

That well-known Property at Cardrona,

THE EMPIRE HOTEL.

The premises consist of the Hotel, Furniture,

Billiard Table, &c., &c.; also, Stables, Out-

Houses, and everything necessary for the conduct of a large business. Attached is a Well-stocked

Orchard.

The whole of the Property will be sold

separately or in one lot, and must be disposed of.

Terms Very Liberal.

PRESTON & COPE,

Commissioners, Arrowtown.

WANTED, a SHEPHERD; must be thoroughly competent, and accustomed to hilly country.—Apply, KAWARAU STATION.

WANTED, a BUTCHER for BANNOCKBURN CO-OPERATIVE STORE COMPANY. Must be thoroughly competent and able to keep accounts. Also, a BAKER. References required.—Apply to

JOSEPH L. MOORE,
Secretary, Bannockburn.

BANNOCKBURN CO-OPERATIVE STORE COMPANY (LIMITED).

A MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at Angel's Hotel, Bannockburn, on FRIDAY Evening, the 17th inst., at 8 o'clock.

J. L. MOORE,
Secretary, pro tem.

TO CONTRACTORS & OTHERS.

FOR SALE, CHEAP—

A large CRANE and Double WINCH, Complete.

Apply, JOHN PITCHES,
Ophir.

T O L E T.

Mrs R. A. Brown's COTTAGE, on the Flat.

For particulars apply,
CHAS. COLCLOUGH,
Agent.

CROMWELL CRICKET CLUB.

A MEETING will be held on WEDNESDAY 15th instant, at the Council Chambers, at 8 p.m. sharp.

Business: To submit Balance-sheet for last season; to elect officers for ensuing season; and to arrange for opening match of season.

J. F. MADDOCK,
Secretary pro tem.

PROFITABLE INVESTMENT !!

FOR SALE

By private treaty, the Business carried on by Chalmers and Kerin at Pembroke as Butchers, including Butchers' Shop and Residence, Slaughter Yards, &c., all substantially built, with every requisite suitable for carrying on an

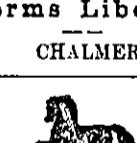
EXTENSIVE BUTCHERING BUSINESS in the rising township of Pembroke and surrounding district.

Also, the Goodwill of Run 454, situate on the Wanaka Lake, held under Pastoral Lease, partly laid down in English grass, and Stocked.

The proprietors' sole reason for disposing of the above Property is owing to Mr Chalmers' intention of visiting the Old Country.

Terms Liberal.

CHALMERS & KERIN.



S T U D N O T I C E.

The Thoroughbred Entire Horse

H A R U H A

Will travel in the

WANAKA AND CROMWELL Districts during the forthcoming season.

FULL PARTICULARS IN FUTURE ISSUE.

TOM BEAUFORT,

Proprietor.

H A W E A H O T E L

HAWEA FLAT.

C. G. Harvey . . . Proprietor.

Above Hotel is situate within easy distance of the beautiful Lake Hawea, and will be found convenient as a place of call for the travelling public.

Wines, Spirits and Beer of the Best Brands.

The Stabling is good, and travellers are assured their horses will receive every care.

PANAMA HOTEL AND STORE

RICHARD CAYFORD . . . Proprietor.

R. CAYFORD begs to intimate that he has opened an Hotel and Provision Store on the new diggings at Long Valley, and solicits the patronage of the public.

Good Accommodation for travellers.

None but Liquors of the Best Brands kept.

CROMWELL KILWINNING LODGE (S.C.)

The REGULAR MEETING will be held on WEDNESDAY EVENING, 22nd September at 8 o'clock.

Business: Raising.

By order of the R.W.M.

R. LOUDON,

Secretary.

CROMWELL RIFLE VOLUNTEERS.

NOTICE.

GOVERNMENT INSPECTION PARADE will be held in the Drill Hall on THURSDAY EVENING, 23rd inst., at 8 p.m.

A full attendance of members is required.

S. N. BROWN,

Captain Commanding.

F O R S A L E

500 FAT SHEEP (Turnip Fed).

If not privately sold prior to date, above will be submitted to AUCTION on SATURDAY first 18th inst., at Goodger's Yards.

OWEN O'NEILL.

P O S T A L N O T I C E.

The next outward Suez mail will close here at noon on Wednesday, 22nd inst.

In addition to the usual mail via Lawrence, mails for Dunedin via Queenstown will close at this office at noon on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Dunedin mails by the same route will reach here on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

DEATH.

On the 22nd July, at the residence of her son-in-law, Denham Robinson, Esq., of Hampton Wick, Maria Carmela, widow of Thomas Collings, Esq., formerly of the Admiralty, aged 71 years.—R.I.P.

Cromwell Argus,
AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

CROMWELL: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1880.

The noble army of martyrs that has for three long months been patriotically devoting itself to the country's cause has dispersed, and its members have found a haven of peace in the bosoms of their families. Opportunity is now afforded for sifting the enormous bulk of nothingness that has from time to time issued from Wellington in the shape of empty talk, wasted paper and printer's ink. No one who watched the course of events while Parliament was in session could fail to be impressed with the lack of any element of statesmanship in the great bulk of our representatives, and with the painful fact that the erstwhile able and dignified House of New Zealand Representatives has fearfully degenerated. Political gambling has become a profession, and how one set of men can manage to eke out another, no matter by what dishonorable and discreditable means, has taken the place of making laws for the good government and amelioration of the country. The late session made this degeneracy painfully apparent. It was well known to every observing man that the work before Parliament would be of a highly important character and that measures would be introduced fraught with serious consequence to the people. The HALL Government made no secret of this, but rather took means to promulgate a knowledge of their intentions so that members might have time to digest the matters to be brought formally before them. During the recess it was made plain that the financial position was anything but assuring, and it was broadly announced that increased taxation had become imperative, as well as a general system of retrenchment throughout the Civil Service. All this was known, and yet honorable members haggled for weeks over the most unimportant subjects, throwing mud at each other indiscriminately—an amusement costing the country hundreds of pounds every day. The actual work done is in no way commensurate with the time and money that has been expended during the session. True, the Government has succeeded in bringing into operation its retrenchment policy, and this fact we by no means undervalue. It is the only feature that stands out boldly in the midst of the most barren and profitless sitting of Parliament on record. Other useful and pressing measures proposed by the Government to become law have, by the senseless obstruction of a variety of cliques, been put aside—not because of any weakness in the Government but rather that the continual bickering and ill-assorted elements of what may by courtesy be termed an Opposition rendered it impossible that such subjects as the Representation, Licensing, Lottery, and other important Bills could receive the grave consideration they demanded. From the outset the Government made plain

that it had command of the voting power of House, and this of itself seems to have determined a hostile spirit among those malcontents whom nothing will please but being "in the swim" when place and pickings are within the gift of their leaders. The slaughter at the close of proposals on the order paper was tremendous, reminding one of a parcel of school boys set to a task and having idled the best of their time at length set to work in great bustle and slumped over the most important parts of the allotted work. In plain truth the second session of New Zealand's seventh Parliament has brought discredit on us as a colony, and it would have been infinitely better to have paid members their coveted honorarium to stay at home than bring them together for such a display of narrowmindedness and impotency as characterised the session now happily brought to an end.

Mr VINCENT PYKE's explanation of the part he played in the closing scene of a pantomime Parliament is, at his request, published in another column. It is to be regretted that the member for Dunstan did not display as much care in his conduct on that occasion as he evidently has in penning his explanation.

While we, and possibly a number of Mr PYKE's constituents, are quite willing to accept as correct his version of the matter, it is certain that throughout the colony the unenviable notoriety accorded Mr PYKE as a soured and obdurate obstructionist

will stick to him spite of his explanation and the tinging-down paragraphs generously circulated by kindly-disposed reporters to the Dunedin Press. Like many other men who sit in the Assembly, Mr PYKE evidently forgets that he is there by the will and as representative of the people, and consequently that his rash and ill-advised acts reflect not so much on VINCENT PYKE as upon those whom he is supposed to represent. This is an aspect of the affair seemingly overlooked by the member for Dunstan, who indeed throughout the late session has allowed the personality of Mr PYKE to overshadow the interests of Mr PYKE's constituency. However much we may have in the past and do now disagree with Mr PYKE as a ruler in County affairs, we have on the whole not had a great deal to complain of in his Parliamentary action. In the one position he has had power, and whether that power has been exercised beneficially or not is open to the judgment of ratepayers; in the other position, Mr PYKE has proved almost a nonentity, if not something worse during the late session at least. Freed from the sharp-eyed criticism of his electorate, in Wellington Mr PYKE seems to have sunk naturally into the undignified position of Parliamentary jester. When he spoke on any subject he was listened to more in the hope of hearing something to laugh at than with expectancy of words of wisdom and value, such as his years and experience should warrant. Any other member in the position occupied by Mr PYKE when brought before the Speaker in custody would have obtained the sympathy and consideration of the House, but the fact of its being Mr PYKE was looked upon and enjoyed as a huge joke. PYKE and Pleasantry have become so incorporated that even when he tables a motion in all seriousness his earnestness is not believed in. This was clear in the only three things brought forward by the member for Dunstan during the session—the 10 per cent. reduction on salaries under £200, the amending Education Bill, and the very silly and played-out Separation motion—none of which were received by the House in a spirit of seriousness if we may judge from the results. If it pleases Mr PYKE to allow his acts and intentions to be misconstrued in this fashion, he need not be surprised if people look with some degree of suspicion on "explanations" made after the evil effects of his indiscretion have forced themselves on his attention.

SPECIAL TELEGRAPHIC.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

DUNEDIN, September 14, 12.20 a.m.

The ship Dunedin has sailed from Glasgow with 214 nominated immigrants.

The Rev. J. Dewe died at Invercargill on Monday morning.

Marshall and Copeland gave a pic-nic down the Harbor to their friends and customers yesterday in the steamer Oreti.

In the auctioneer's case, Mr Watt, R.M., dismissed the charge on a technical point, adding his opinion that a license taken out in the borongh one resides in enables him to sell anywhere in Otago.

Hall and Major have been committed for trial for horse-stealing. They presented a receipt for a horse to the police, duly signed and stamped, but it is believed to be a forgery.

The Hon. Mr Dick is in town.

Croft of Wellington won the 24 hours walking match, doing 118 miles. Brooks of Dunedin stopped at 86 miles.

A delegate from Yorkshire farmers has arrived at Wellington.

The effort in Christchurch to infuse life into the Volunteer movement by Saturday afternoon parades has failed.

The body of an infant has been found in a garden at Sydenham. There is no clue.

A child five years old, son of the stationmaster at St. Andrews, near Timaru, was killed yesterday by being jammed between two trucks.

Fifteen public house keepers were charged at Oamaru on Monday with selling watered grog. Several were fined.

Bain, M.H.M. for Invercargill, has again

divided his honorarium between the local hospital and benevolent institutes.

The candidates for Waikia nominated were Bustings and Morris; the former is expected to get in.

At Naseby Lee Guy has been further remanded for a week; the police are expecting more evidence.

By a fire at Christchurch on Saturday morning a cottage occupied by Windsor, an attendant at the lunatic asylum, was burnt, and two children destroyed. They must have been suffocated by smoke. The neighbors endeavored to enter, but were driven back by the flames.

At Westport Burns, inspector of collieries, prosecuted Ferguson, manager of the Wellington colliery, and Young, the contractor for getting out coal—the first for not providing sufficient ventilation in the mine, and the other for not appointing competent persons to examine the mine with safety lamps each morning. The prosecutions were the result of an explosion of fire damp in the mine, whereby four men were burnt to such an extent as to lay them up for eight days. Ferguson pleaded that the mine was in charge of Young and he was responsible. Young pleaded guilty to the charge against him. Mr Revelle reserved judgment.

The new schedule to the property tax was finally adopted at a Cabinet meeting yesterday. The amount of debts for which exemption is claimed is to be stated. Forms must be returned by October 15th.

The Wellington correspondent of the *Daily Times* telegraphed yesterday that the Government had received a telegram this evening that the Maoris to-day seized several horses belonging to the armed constabulary, which had strayed on to wheat sown by Natives where they had pulled down fences erected by the constabulary alongside the road. They have taken the horses to Parihaka. Mr Bryce has started for the camp and is expected there to-night. The complication is regarded as somewhat serious, it being impossible to submit to so gross and open an affront as this. The next news is looked for with much anxiety.

A commission to re-organise the Volunteer movement is talked of.

Nothing more is heard of the railway strike.

THE WELLINGTON FATAL RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

Further news gives little extra particulars of the accident at Rimutaka incline, by which three children were killed—a girl named Pharazyn, a boy Nicholas, and a boy Quinn. The train was ascending an incline of one in fifteen, pushed up by a Fell engine, proceeding at the usual slow speed of about five miles an hour, when on emerging from a deep rocky cutting entering upon an embankment a furious gale struck the leading carriage broadside on with terrific force, instantly hurling it off the rails on the left side, and taking with it the second carriage and brake van. The body of the vehicle was dashed to pieces with extraordinary rapidity, the debris, together with the passengers being hurled down the steep declivity. Happily the coupling all held firm, and the Fell engine remained anchored as it were to the high middle rail. Had anything given away in engine, brakes or couplings, the whole mass, including the engine weighing nearly 33 tons and three vehicles suspended from it, must have fallen to the foot of the embankment, in which case it was impossible a single soul could have escaped with life. The scene at the foot of the precipice is described by one of the passengers as most shocking. The killed and wounded lay scattered around in all directions covered with blood, dirt, and mixed-up wreckage. The carriages were still in imminent peril from rocks, stones and pieces of timber blowing down the bank, while a hundred feet or so above hung suspended the dismantled carriages only prevented by the couplings from falling with crushing weight on those below. Most of the passengers were stunned for a time, but on recovering consciousness those less severely injured did their best to assist the greatest sufferers. In the first carriage were Misses Ida and Ella Pharazyn (twin girls), two little boys named Nicholas, Messrs Blakesly, Hare, Madden, M'Kenzie, Kedditch, Hickson, Donald, Jackson, and Crouch. Ida and Ella Pharazyn were found close together, at first alive, but Ida soon expired; she was completely crushed, and seemed not to have a single bone in her body unbroken. Ella was severely cut about the face and head, and the boy Nicholas lay a short distance off quite dead, presenting a heart-rending spectacle, the back of his skull being cut clean off, and the brains entirely scooped out. The other boy Nicholas was seriously but not fatally hurt. Of the adults Hare sustained a frightful scalp wound, nearly the whole scalp being torn off, and he was in a critical state, as also was Jackson, who suffered from concussion of the spine, completely paralysing him. All were more or less hurt. Amongst the occupants of the second carriage one of Mr Quinn's children, a boy aged five years, was crushed to death through falling underneath the mass. The inmates of the carriage to extricate themselves had to scramble up the bank with the help of a rope thrown them from the engine. Another of Quinn's boys was blown over the side of the embankment, but was caught by those below only slightly hurt. There were about 30 passengers altogether. The inquest is sitting at Featherstone. After the medical evidence the jury adjourned to see the scene of the disaster by special train. The funeral of Pharazyn's daughter, and Nicholas' son was largely attended. On resuming the inquest Mr Quinn was examined. He said he attributed the

disaster to the carriages not being properly coupled. He stated he saw them uncoupled, but the witness was undecided on this point. He also stated he was told by a man named Montgomery that there were two new hands on the engine, and they had a bottle of brandy from Featherstone; that the driver and firemen were the worse for liquor. Montgomery will to-morrow be examined as to this statement. The Railway Commissioner has issued instructions that on all occasions when there is any wind, each train shall have two Fell engines—one in front and one behind.

INTERCOLONIAL.

MELBOURNE, September 13.

The P. and O. Co.'s steamship Assam with the inward suez mail, which arrived at Port Philip on Saturday night, was unable to enter until last night owing to a heavy gale blowing on the coast.

Heavy rain has fallen. Portions of both Melbourne and Geelong are flooded.

The departure of the Ringarooma for New Zealand has been postponed until Thursday.

Owing to the Yarra having overflowed its banks portions of Melbourne near the river are in high flood, and business is suspended. The floods are now rapidly subsiding.

SYDNEY, September 13.

Sir H. Robinson was received by a guard of honor and escorted to Government House, where he is the guest of Lord Loftus during his stay.

LATEST BY CABLE.

LONDON, September 11.

Mr Gladstone has caused a letter to be published expressing his thanks for the universal sympathy shown him during his recent illness.

Twenty-six thousand nailers in Staffordshire and surrounding districts have struck.

The recent series of wool auctions closes on 29th inst.

In the cricket match, Australians v. Eighteen of the Clydesdale Club, at Glasgow, the Home team in their first innings was not disposed of till they scored 224; the Australians only succeeded in putting together 111. Being 113 runs behind, they had to follow on, and in their second innings, when time was called, they had lost one wicket for 47 runs. The match was drawn in favor of the Glasgow team. The weather was showery both days. On 27th the Australians against a team of players of England at the Crystal Palace will be the final match in England.

MADRID.

Her Majesty the Queen of Spain has given birth to a princess.

CONSTANTINOPLE, September 11.

The Turkish Ministry have resigned. The Sultan has issued an imperial order dismissing Kadir Pasha and appointing Saidi Pasha as President of Council of State, which it is hoped will bring about a peaceful solution of the Eastern question.

CALCUTTA.

News has been received that an insurrection has broken out at Herat, and that the Governor has been murdered by the rebels.

On account of the Athenaeum Hall being otherwise engaged for the evening of October 1st, the entertainment by the Cromwell Colored Minstrels—for which the members are in active rehearsal—has been fixed for 8th proximo.

Our readers will learn with deep regret that the Rev. Mr Dewe, for a considerable time connected with the Episcopal Church in this parish, died at Invercargill yesterday. The deceased gentleman was highly esteemed by all sections of people in this district.

We are glad to state that the suggestion recently made through the columns of this paper for a daily mail to and from Dunedin has been acted upon. It is announced in the postal notice over our leading column that mails for Dunedin close daily at noon, leaving alternately via Queenstown and Lawrence. This arrangement will prove a great boon to the people on the Northern Goldfields.

The winter season of the Cromwell Quadrille Assembly was brought to a close on Thursday evening. For the occasion a full programme of 24 dances was provided, and these were gone through with the greatest spirit and enjoyment by a company numbering close upon 40 couples. The music was discoursed by Messrs Ward and Adams, and the duties of M.C. ably carried out by Mr Dagg. These three gentlemen, together with Mr Hotop, have throughout the season worked indefatigably for the comfort and enjoyment of the members and visitors, and to their exertions is due the fact that the meetings this year have been the most successful held in Cromwell for some years past.

Our telegrams give some details of the terrible and fatal accident on the Wellington-Masterton railway, which occurred on Saturday forenoon. The accident appears to have arisen from an extraordinary and unexpected cause. Two carriages and van were, it appears, literally blown over by a hurricane while ascending the Rimutaka incline, and parts of them fell to a depth of 100ft, killing three children and injuring 10 persons. The incline is worked by huge "Fell" engines, which grip a centre rail and push the passenger carriages before them up a gradient of 1 in 15, and round many curves. The rate of speed is very slow, and although the carriages are not held by the middle rail as the engine is, still they are held together by the couplings and supported by the pressure of the engine behind them. It would seem, therefore, that a most extraordinary force of wind would be necessary to overturn them. Evidence at the inquest now proceeding would appear to point to some culpable neglect on the part of the railway servants, but it is to be hoped the dreadful affair cannot in any way be laid at their door.

To-morrow and Thursday are the days advertised for receiving nominations for the offices of Councillors to represent Bridge and Kawarau Wards respectively.

A meeting of members of the Cromwell Cricket Club, and those who desire to join, will be held in the Town Hall to-morrow evening. A good attendance is expected, as the season is rapidly advancing and it is desirable to reorganise the Club without delay.

Mr M'Kenna's evergreen Clyde is matched for a mile and a-half race, 9 stone up, against Mr Kane's Maori Chief. The spin comes off on 2nd October, the convincing-ground being the Cromwell race-course, and the stakes are £10 a-side.

Mr Pyke feels himself somewhat aggrieved at the manner in which the celebrated scene in the House in which he lately figured was telegraphed to Otago. We (Friday's *Times*) have already published a letter of explanation from him, and from inquiry of members of both Houses we find there is no ground for the imputations which were thrown out against Mr Pyke in the telegrams in question, and the subsequent comments of various journals.

The *Saturday Advertiser* announces that Mr Vincent Pyke is making arrangements for the production of a Christmas book. An original story from Mr Pyke's facile pen, and a new tale by "Thorpe Talbot," of Christchurch, will be the principal features in the work. Both writers have earned a considerable reputation in colonial literature, and we are sure that the joint venture contemplated will prove an interesting volume.

We understand that the meeting convened for Friday evening at Mrs Russell's, Pembroke, to make arrangement for the Wanaka Races, was well attended and ended very successfully. A programme will be drawn up embracing prizes to the value of about £110, and everything points to the likelihood of a most satisfactory gathering. The programme will probably appear in these columns next week. At Friday night's meeting Mr R. M'Dougall presided.

An adjourned quarterly sitting of the Licensing Bench—comprising Major Keddell and Messrs Preshaw, Willmott and Bennett—was held on Friday, when the following applications were dealt with:—Transfer of bush license from R. Cayford to G. W. Harvey for the Hawea hotel was granted. R. Cayford was granted a bush license for the Panama hotel, Long Valley. The application of R. Kidd for a bush license for a hotel to be called the Halfway House, on Wanaka road, was refused, the premises not being beyond the statutory distance of ten miles from the nearest public-house.

Mr A. D. Harvey presided at a sale of Government lands in the townships of Cromwell and Bannockburn held here on Friday. The attendance was limited and the bidding reverse to brisk—not a single allotment bringing more than the upset price. In Cromwell seven sections were bought at £7 10s each. Only three in Bannockburn found purchasers, two at the upset price of £10 each, and one at £7 10s. A mistake is being made in fixing the price of sections too high. In many cases owners of back lots in Cromwell are willing to sell at even a trifle less than the Crown price; and to put an upset of £10 on sections at Bannockburn is simply a bar to any person investing unless the land has already been squatted upon.

In the course of a recent debate in the Upper House on the administration of the Goldfields, the Hon. Captain Fraser, speaking of the present system of Wardens said:—Some of these Wardens had become very wealthy; indeed, he was told that one of them gave money to the poor and needy; he lent it out on interest. When these Wardens were appointed the goldfields were teeming with people; there were thousands of people there. They were now nearly all gone, and there was but little Wardens' work to be done. He believed that if Mr Simpson, the Magistrate at Dunedin, were given a proper allowance, he would be able to do the whole work of the Otago goldfields, and the people would, for the first time during the last 15 years, get not only good law, but justice. He hoped the Hon. the Attorney-General would give his attention to this subject during the recess. These men were taken haphazard at the commencement of the goldfields. Some of them remained for a period of 15 years, and during all that period they had received an enormous allowance. The country could not afford to waste money upon these men. When the return asked for was laid on the table it would be found that, instead of these Wardens receiving £250 for travelling allowance, the amount would be found to be nearer £400.

VINCENT COUNTY COUNCIL.

Order Paper of business to be brought forward (in addition to notices of motion adjourned from last meeting) at ordinary meeting to be held at Clyde on Wednesday, the 22nd inst.:—

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Cr Colclough to move—That in view of the financial embarrassment of the County, and the consequent stoppage of County works, the Council take into consideration.—1st. The abolition of the office of County Engineer.—2nd. The reduction for next year of the salary paid to the office of County Chairman to £100.—3rd. The abolition of payment of any kind to members.—4th. The amalgamation of the offices held by the County Clerk and those held by the Collector. And that the Council do order there.

Cr M'Ginnis to move—That a sum not exceeding £10 be voted for erecting a foot bridge over the Gorge Creek, on main road Alexandra to Teviot.

Cr Pitches to move—That a sum not exceeding £100 be voted for repairs and formation of a road between sections 2 and 3, block IX, Ida Valley.

Cr Pitches to move that the petition of the miners at German Hill relative to the sludge channel be taken into consideration, and that the County Engineer be requested to visit the district, and report at the next meeting of this Council what amount the petitioners are entitled to.

ARROWTOWN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)
has expired January 1, 1880.

The Borough Council has had another stormy meeting, during which a great deal of gas was blown off. The Mayor has rather an unruly team to guide; and it requires all his tact and determination to save the municipal coach from disastrous spills. The last meeting of the Council again presented some instructive scenes. The willows for the protection of the back lanes, which, by-the-bye, were furnished free of charge by Mr Peter Butel, instead of by John Butel as stated in my last, were carefully assortied by one councillor, who, selecting the best, planted them against his own property, while the remainder were seized by another councillor and planted to protect his section. The latter, who also had the expenditure of a small sum of corporation funds at his disposal, gravelled a portion of the back lane in the rear of his property. These fits of disinterestedness and concern for the public weal reached a fitting climax in the resolution of the Council reducing the price paid for day labor from 10s to 8s per day.

Yet, with all its foibles and little weaknesses the Borough Council compares favorably with its prototype, the County Council, which was, during last meeting, brought face to face with a resolution and five amendments! The Council might do worse than to purchase Sam Neil's "Public Meetings, and How to Conduct Them." Although it is only 1s and far from complete or perfect, it will be a great boon to the Council.

Mr E. Foord has just erected a splendid self-acting screw turning lathe imported from England. The lathe will prove a great boon to crushing machine proprietors at Macclesfield, and will also be found very handy to the burgesses of Arrowtown in laying on water to their premises. With this lathe in the district there will be no need to send portions of broken machinery to Dunedin for repairs, as I am informed that the lathe will turn iron or brass, in fact everything, except a fellow's luck.

On Tuesday morning last news reached town that Mr James Gardiner, brother of Mr W. Gardiner of Lawton and Gardiner, Moke Creek, was found dead in his bed, and the body in charge of the brother of the deceased, was brought down on the following day when an inquest was held at the Ballarat Hotel before Mr H. A. Stratford. From the Doctor's evidence it appeared that death resulted from apoplexy, and the jury found a verdict in accordance with that evidence.

The elections of a Councillor for Camp Ward and for Arrow Ward, created some mild excitement in Arrowtown last Thursday, and resulted in reinstating the retiring Councillors. The voting was as follows:—Arrow Ward: R. Campbell, 22; E. Gruber, 21; Camp Ward: G. A. Barker, 13; E. De La Perelle, 11. A few hats, I believe, were bet and won to adorn the crania of the lucky winners, in commemoration of the event.

OUR VICTORIAN LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

August 30.

Mr Berry's determination to reduce the pay of civil servants has called forth the severest comment from a section of our daily Press, and it cannot be wondered at. It is so paradoxical to say in one breath that he (Mr Berry) is anxious to take a burden off the ratepayers, and to gain that desired end it is his intention to reduce the salaries of Government officials; while in the next breath he says he intends bringing in a Bill for the payment of members. Can anything be more ridiculous? What on earth can we want with a parcel of needy nobodies, who have failed in every-day business to rule us? Is it to be expected that any good can result from having these fellows in Parliament? What we want, and what we must have if ever we expect to gain our former name, either at Home or with our sister colonies, are gentlemen who cannot be bought over either by money or the idea of future advancement. Had Mr Service and colleagues remained in power there is not the slightest doubt but ere long the country would have again become prosperous, but as things stand at present we are getting deeper into the mire daily. Mr Berry has far too great an opinion of himself to be of any use to the colony. For instance, the other day while in conversation with a gentleman holding a high position under Government, the hon. gentleman mildly informed him that his ambition was to accomplish the federation of the colonies, and to be Premier of the whole. No, this is rather too much, even with his self-assurance.

Ned Kelly is most down-hearted since his return from Beechworth. He sees the utter hopelessness of his position, and the idea of ending his days on the gallows is too much for him.

The action of the relations of the late unfortunate Mr Greer in bearing the expense of sending his wife home is to be commanded, and the sooner this woman leaves Victoria the better. Her conduct has been so disgraceful that she could never hope to do any good in the colonies, and would without doubt go to the bad were she to remain here.

A petition has been forwarded to the Governor through the Chief Secretary signed by our leading commercial men, praying that Captain Thomson may have his sentence (three months) remitted.

It is the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill early in the session to give His Excellency the Governor in council

power to issue treasury or exchequer bills for a short term, in order to meet heavy amounts which have to be met prior to the receipt of incoming revenue.

Mr Moore, one of our pioneer printing masters, died last week. The remains were followed to their last resting place by numerous friends of the deceased gentleman.

Much disappointment is felt at the final determination of the Prince of Wales not to come to the Exhibition.

MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

(Before Major Keddell, R.M.)

CIVIL CASES.

James Marshall (as legal manager of the Pipe-clay Sludge Channel Co.) proceeded against the following shareholders for the recovery of calls due, but in each instance, owing to an informality, a non-suit was accepted, carrying costs of £1 1s.; J. P. Smiddy, £7 10s.; W. Dickie, £5 10s.; W. P. Jones, £6 5s.; P. Revelle, £8.; J. McCabe, £8.; W. Anderson, £8.; O. O'Neill, £3; and T. Donnelly, £8.

WARDEN'S COURT.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

(Before Major Keddell, Warden.)

APPLICATIONS.

Protection was granted to W. Radford, Adams Gully, for 90 days.

Extended Claims.—H. Byron, Mount Pisa; C. Koch, Bannockburn; C. Tippett and another, Bannockburn.—granted.

Water Race.—C. Vaughan, Mount Pisa; A. Lehman, Potter's Gully.—granted.

Tail Races.—H. Byron, Mount Pisa; James Devlin and others, Panama Gully.—granted.

Amalgamation.—T. Fox and others, Panama Gully.—granted.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not identify ourselves with the opinions expressed by correspondents.]

MR PYKE IN EXPLANATION.

To the Editor of THE CROMWELL ARGUS.

SIR.—Please publish following in your next issue:—

Now that the public have had time to digest the elegant fictions which have been dished up to them under the title of "Extraordinary Scene in the House," I trust you will grant me space briefly to state my version of the facts. Divested of all "padding," this is what occurred:—I was appointed "teller" of a division in Committee. After I had handed in my list my attention was called to the circumstance that the member for Hokitika (Mr Seddon) had not voted. In the legitimate performance of my duty as "teller," I reported the matter to the acting chairman, Mr Kelly. Mr Kelly took no notice of my report, but proceeded to the next item of the Estimates. I again directed his attention to the fact that Mr Seddon had not voted. Then Mr Kelly called on Mr Seddon to record his vote, and Mr Seddon jocularly replied, "Oh! I vote against Mr Pyke." Whereupon Mr Kelly said, "I shall record the vote with the 'noes'." I pointed out that there was no vote before the Committee of "Mr Pyke," and I was proceeding to call Mr Kelly's attention to the Standing Orders, which prescribe that members must give their voices with the "Ayes" or the "Noes," when a violent clamour arose on my left amongst the supporters of the Government, who tried to drown my voice, and did most effectually drown the voice of the acting Chairman, with shouts of "Sit down!" and discordant yells, accompanied by the stamping of feet. To them I turned round and said, "I will not sit down," and I again essayed to address the Chair. I may mention parenthetically that during this turbulent scene I resumed my seat four times, and only rose again when I found that Mr Kelly would not do his duty by calling on Mr Seddon to say how he gave his voice on the division. Finding it then impossible to obtain either a hearing from the Committee, or attention from Mr Kelly, I moved "That the Chairmen leave the chair and report the matter to the Speaker"; and Mr Kelly left the chair of his own accord for the purpose, so I supposed, of making such report. He did not do so, however, but reported instead that I had refused to obey the Chair. Mr Kelly's voice is so extremely weak, and the din was so great, that it is possible I may not have heard him upon some occasion, but I am disposed to think otherwise. However that may be, my amazement was great when I suddenly found my position changed from that of plaintiff to that of defendant by the very tribunal whose judgment I had myself evoked. Under the circumstances I declined to make any apology. I felt that I had merely discharged my duty as teller, in doing which I ought to have had the support of the acting Chairman.

The following morning I learned that Mr Kelly had taken, as addressed to himself, my refusal to sit down at the demand of the noisy members on my left. That being understood, the explanation was easy to me and satisfactory to the House, a large majority of the members of which were and are prepared to endorse my statement.

As to the dramatised version of the scene in the gallery, I can only say that it has been very highly colored. No angry words passed between myself and the Sergeant-at-arms—in fact, we were both smiling throughout—nor did he make any physical demonstration, nor use the ungentlemanly language which has been attributed to him. And it must be remembered that the conversation between us was carried on in undertones—quite inaudible in the House—and it therefore forms no part of the "scene."

Such are the facts. I make no comment. I am content to allow the public to judge who was to blame in the matter.—I am, &c.,

VINCENT PYKE.

Dunedin, September 5th.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN NEWS.

[By CABLE.]

(FROM DUNEDIN DAILIES.)

LONDON, September 6.

At the wool sales to-day 9900 bales were offered, making a total of 158,100 bales catalogued since the opening. The tone of the sale was firm.

The Prince of Wales has abandoned his visit to Australia owing to the American engagements.

September 7.

Parliament was prorogued to-day. The speech from the Throne was read by the Lord Chancellor. It is said that friendly assurances have been exchanged with Continental Powers.

ST. PETERSBURG, September 6.

A Treaty of Peace has been concluded between Russia and China.

LONDON, September 8.

A terrible explosion occurred to-day at Seasham Colliery, by which 150 miners have been killed or are entombed in the mine.

September 9.

Trickett, the Australian oarsman, has gone to Newcastle to fetch his boat. The betting at present is unrecorded. Hanlan is expected to arrive in England on the 19th instant. Trickett is rapidly improving in condition, and now shows some of his old rowing form.

September 10.

Further details have been received of the explosion which took place in the Seasham colliery, Durham, yesterday. Over 200 miners were in the pits at the time of the accident, and 137 have since perished. Of the remainder 67 have up to the present been saved.

Laycock and Trickett are now both at Newcastle. They rowed on the Tyne yesterday, and were watched by a number of spectators from the bank of the river, and by a number of critics who were present. Their pulling is considered faulty.

The steamship City of Richmond, of the Inman Line, by which Hanlan is a passenger from New York, has arrived in a disabled state.

At the wool sales to-day 4300 bales were offered, making a total of 188,600 catalogued since the opening. The tone of sales continues firm. There is a firm demand for crossbreds.

In the Seasham colliery explosion there are 162 missing.

CALCUTTA, September 7.

Intelligence has been received from Candahar that Ayoub Khan is retreating with all possible speed along the road to Herat, and is accompanied by Hassam Khan and a large body of Heratian cavalry.

A late telegram says that during the sortie from Candahar West, before the siege was raised, Lieutenant Hector MacLaine, R.H.A., was taken prisoner by the Afghans.

THE AUSTRALIANS V. ALL ENGLAND ELEVEN.

LONDON, September 6.

The match between All England and the Australians was commenced to-day. The Home team went first to the wickets, and when stumps were drawn for the day, had lost eight wickets for 410 runs. Mr W. G. Grace scored 152. The attendance was very large. The fielding of the Australians was excellent, and the weather throughout the day was very fine. A capital wicket was pitched, and the ground was in good order. Spofforth was absent.

September 7.

The cricket match Australians v. All England was continued to-day. After the Home team had scored 420 runs in their first innings, the Australians went in for their first innings, but only succeeded in scoring 149, of which total Boyle contributed 36 (not out). The Australians then followed their innings, and when the stumps were drawn for the day, had put together 170 for the loss of six wickets. Bonnor is not out with 13 runs, and Murdoch not out with 79. M'Donnell, after scoring 43, was given out lb w. There was again a large attendance at the match, and the weather continues very fine.

September 8.

The match The Australians v. All England was resumed to-day at the Oval in the presence of an immense concourse. The Australians continued their second innings, and made a splendid stand against the bowling of the Englishmen. The innings closed for 327 runs, Murdoch being not out with 153. Alexander scored 33 before he was caught. The Englishmen, requiring 51 to win, then went in for their second innings. They obtained the required number with the loss of five wickets, and thus won the match by five wickets. The greatest interest was taken throughout the three days' play. The weather proved fine during the entire match.

A London telegram, dated August 24th, to the Sydney papers says:—"The injury sustained by Spofforth in the Scarborough match, through the throwing of one of the bowlers, is more serious than was first anticipated. His hand was severely cut and bruised, and causes him much pain. He will, it is feared, be unable to play in the representative match. Slight is also laid up, and will most probably be an absentee."

Co-operation is one of the great questions that trouble our community at the present time, and although we have no wish to discourage the movement, it should command great consideration before expending hard earned savings on what will more than likely prove a failure for want of support from the shareholders. To be a paying business it must be for cash payments. Two years ago a draper of Cromwell, with the intention of trying to educate the public into the great saving made by purchasing for cash, reduced his Stock of Drapery, Clothing, and Boots, and added that of Grocery, offering the same at fully six shillings in the £ less than the regular prices. No co-operative store could do more, and yet this is only taken advantage of by the few, showing that when put to the test the people will not co-operate when it is a question of cash payments. W. TALBOYS, London, House, Cromwell, is quite prepared to serve those who would co-operate in obtaining the best articles at the lowest prices.—[Advt.]

Franklin wrote: "He that by the plough would thrive, himself must either hold or drive." The Yankee version, adapted to the times, is—"He that by his trade would rise, must either bust or advertise."

Holloway's Pills and Ointment.—Glad Tidings.

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AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY.

PROVINCIAL AND COLONIAL

The total expense incurred by the representation of New Zealand at the Sydney Exhibition was £5,191 16s. 6d.

It is rumoured that Mr John Bathgate has been requested to become a candidate for the office of Mayor of Dunedin.

The Land Board have recommended the Government to open about 4000 acres in the Maerehenna district under the deferred payment system.

A mysterious wholesale poisoning of dogs is going on in Auckland. At Parnell a score have succumbed during the past month, and at Onehunga 16 died in one day.

At the last meeting of the Bruce County Council it was resolved to reduce the rate of pay after the 13th inst. to 6s per day for surveyors and 7s per pay for gaugers.

On 9th instant, Chief Justice Prendergast was sworn in as acting Governor by Mr Justice Johnston, the Premier, Minister of Public Works, and the Colonial Secretary.

Mr W. J. M. Larnach has been elected President of the Chamber of Commerce for the ensuing year. Mr Robert Wilson (of the firm of R. Wilson and Co.) is the new Vice-President.

The Maori prisoners in Dunedin gaol appear to have rosy times of it. We read the other day that they daily play cricket and indulge in racing, jumping, and other athletic sports.

The Chinese camp at Tuapeka is stated by the local paper to have lately become "a scene of riot and tumult," caused by drunken rows between European women who are married to Chinamen.

The Queenslanders have backed Napper Tandy to win £30,000 over the Melbourne Cup. The horse was never so well. It is understood that Sain Cook will look after the owner's interests in Melbourne.

Thomas Allen, aged seven, the son of a collier, at Kaitangata, was drowned in the Clutha on the 8th inst. He had fallen into the river in 10ft of water and his body was found 300 yards from where he fell.

Tasmania, with her small population, is one of the most prosperous colonies in the Australian group. Her population numbers 112,000; last year her imports represented only £128,000, while her exports amounted to £1,300,000.

It is stated that the Government have served those deferred-payment settlers at Hokonui (Southland) who are in arrears with their payments with formal notice to quit the land. These are the people who gave excessive prices—in fact more than the land was worth.

A suicidal epidemic seems prevalent in Adelaide. Three cases occurred last week. On Sunday a man named Snood cut his throat from ear to ear; next day a young farmer named Shewring shot himself through the heart at Laura; and a farmer named Woowork shot himself at Mount Gambier.

A man named Kelly, who is also known by half-a-dozen other names, a former coach-driver in Wellington, is under remand at Napier for horse-stealing. It is supposed he has within the last two months stolen between 40 and 50 horses, the majority of which he appears to have ridden to death.

The death is recorded of Lieutenant-Colonel Moule, late Under-Secretary of Defence for New Zealand, which took place at his residence in the pleasant Thames-side village of East Moulsey, Surrey, on the 25th June last. Colonel Moule was an old colonist, and won the respect and esteem of a number of his friends both in Wellington and other parts of New Zealand.

Mr Charles Reid, in accordance with the announcement made at the last meeting of the Standard Insurance Company, has retired from the management of the company. The appointment has been offered to and accepted by Mr Thomas Fisher, a gentleman for some years past the successful manager of the Canterbury branch. Mr Reid will still be connected with the company, he having promised to accept a seat on the Board.

In Victoria a nugget of gold worth about £400 has been found by a carrier on the Boyne Road at Jones' Creek, which is stationed between Tarnagulla and Dunolly. The carrier, who was walking alongside his waggon, stumbled against some hard substance, and, thinking it was a lump of earth, he kicked it out of the road. By kicking it some of the earth was displaced, and revealed that an auriferous substance was underneath.

The Wellington correspondent of the *Southland News* telegraphs:—As this may be the last political telegram I may write the *News* until the House meets again, I think it only right to state that the disagreement between Sir George Grey and Mr Sheehan will not disrupt the party as anticipated by myself and many others, but that the thing will pass, and no more than a personal coolness will ensue, whatever the Press may say or politicians declare."

As a detachment of the Southland Hussars was proceeding from Wyndham to Mataura, on 7th inst., some larrikins laid a train of gunpowder across the road and fired it, with the object of clearing the riders out of their saddles. The attempt, however, proved unsuccessful. The men dismounted and led their horses. A little farther on they found a rope was stretched across the road sufficiently high to catch the riders. Apprehensive of further mischief, they remounted and wheeled about, amid a shower of stones, and made their way to Mataura by a round-about road.

Old Mrs Rothschild, when 97, once said to her physician, "Doctor, you must keep me up for three years more at least; it would be discreditable for a Rothschild to go off under par."

THE PROPERTY TAX.

The following is substantially the new schedule under the Property Tax:—

Total value of all my interest in any lands or buildings after deducting all liabilities due by me thereon	£
Total value of all my interests in any leases held by me after deducting mortgages thereon, if any	£
Total value of all other property belonging to me, including money owing to me, mortgages, liens, and bills of sale, household furniture, jewellery, plate, works of art, horses, cattle, sheep, or other live stock, produce, merchandise, stock-in-trade, plant, machinery, cash, cash in bank, annuities, debentures, and everything else I possess, except agricultural implements in actual use, life assurance policies, vessels, and shares in public companies, after deducting my just debts, for which I claim exemption	£

Deduct fixed exemption £500

Taxable value £

Debts owing to the person who makes the return are to be entered at their estimated value, not at their nominal amount.

A Cruel Joke.

The *Oamaru Mail* is responsible for the following:—"Amongst the numerous pleasant incidents that relieve the monotony of parliamentary life is one in which Mr Vincent Pyke was the chief actor. That gentleman was sitting in his place in the House, thinking upon the 'utter demoralisation' of the Government, and the 'absolute ruin' that they were about to bring upon the country, when a messenger handed him an official envelope. He received the document with evident satisfaction, and muttered audibly that he had been expecting it. It ran thus:—'Portfolio—To Vincent Pyke, Esq.—His Excellency has been pleased to offer you the portfolio of Minister of Mines and the position of Sergeant-at-Arms combined,' &c. The corner of the document was turned down, and the following added by way of a postscript:—Attached to this portfolio is the very delicate and difficult task of Acting *Prima Donna* Protector [an allusion to the interesting event which was recounted in Parliament by Mr Wright, a member of the Railway Commission]. (Signed). H. R. When the messenger handed this to Mr Pyke, that gentleman's face beamed with satisfaction. He appeared as though he was the recipient of some long-expected favor. [This was before he broke the seal]. When he opened out the document and saw the heading, he could scarcely believe his own eyes, and he impatiently adjusted his spectacles to remove all doubt. It certainly was not what he expected—it was something better. A complacent smile overspread his rubicund and ample features. But it was of short duration. He came to the words 'Sergeant-at-Arms.' This was bad enough; but the *prima donna* business was more than he could stand. A hasty glance at the signature, and a gruff 'messenger' ran through the House like the belching forth of a hundred-ton gun. The unconscious offender appeared, and with fear and trembling, asked 'What's the matter, sir?' 'What's the matter, sir!' roared the lusty Pyke. 'I'll show you, sir. Where did you get this, sir?' The reply meekly came! From the messengers' room, sir.' 'I have been grossly insulted,' said Mr Pyke, 'and if you bring me any more of these things I'll report you to the Speaker.' Mr Pyke had evidently forgotten that it was not the province of a messenger to ascertain the contents of a document before delivering it to a member; but he gradually restored his wonted complacency, and prepared his next bombshell for the Government on their financial proposals."

Other Worlds than Ours.

Mr Proctor delivered his lecture on "Other Worlds than Ours" to a crowded house on Wednesday night at the School of Arts. The subject of the lecture was most interesting, and it was ably discussed by the lecturer. As many of the facts bearing on the subject as could be crowded into a discourse were brought into review, and the inferences which they warrant were pointed out. The lecturer stated that ever since the time of Huyghens, the subject on which he was about to address them had been regarded as one of great interest. It was not, however, a scientific subject, for science treated only of what is known, and it is impossible for us to tell what part of life may exist on bodies so distant as are the planets of our system. Aided by the most powerful telescope, man would be unable to see any works analogous to his own, such as the great pyramid of Egypt, on the moon, which is the nearest planet to our earth. Speculation respecting the inhabitation of the planets was nevertheless associated with astronomical researches, and tended to invest them with absorbing interest. We ought not to suppose that because our earth is inhabited that all planetary bodies are inhabited also, for we know with certainty that the moon, our nearest planetary neighbor, is a dead world, and is not distinguished by the presence of those conditions on which life depends. The sun is far too hot to be the abode of living creatures analogous to those which exist on earth, so that both the largest orb and also the smallest one in the system are devoid of life. Yet we know life abounds everywhere on our globe. The tropics, the Arctic regions, the depths of the sea, the utmost bounds of

the air, all swarm with living things. Geology and its cognate sciences show that at every stage in the past history of the earth life abounded on it. He quoted a passage from Tennyson showing that Nature, which has taken so much care to preserve species and races, is careless with respect to the fate of individuals. When he began to study the question before him he felt strongly inclined to adopt the views of Dick, Chalmers, and Brewster, but deeper research had led him to greatly modify the opinion he then held. Whewell had, as they well knew, argued in his Bridgewater treatise for the inhabitability of the planets, but in his more recent work on the plurality of worlds he had changed his views, and contended that there was no proof whatever that any other world than our own globe was the abode of life. The lecturer could not adopt that view, for he thought it possible as well as probable that life existed on some other worlds than our own, and the facts on which he founded that view he would proceed to submit to their consideration. The solar system consisted of several distinct families or groups of worlds. The nearest group to the sun comprised Mercury, Venus, the Earth and Mars. Outside of these revolved a multitude of minor planets, about 250 of which had been discovered, and then came the family of the giant planets, Jupiter and Saturn, whilst outside of these revolved in huge orbits Uranus and Neptune. Mr Proctor proceeded to show that Jupiter was not fit to support life, owing to its heated state, and the terrific action of winds and storms on its surface. It had been contended that the four moons of Jupiter would compensate for this planet's distance from the Sun, the said distance being five times that of the earth, but he (the lecturer) had calculated that the amount of light which these four moons would throw upon Jupiter would not exceed one sixteenth part of our full moon's light. The moons of Jupiter, however, might be inhabited worlds, and Jupiter would give them a very large amount of light, and perhaps also inherent heat. One of these moons comprised an area of 12,000,000 of square miles, and another 20,000,000 of square miles. Saturn for the same, along with other reasons, was uninhabitable. The nature of Saturn's ring of meteoric bodies, the mode in which the ring eclipses certain portions of the planet, and other allied facts, were adduced as proofs that life as we know it could not exist on the body of the planet. Life might, as in the case of Jupiter, exist on some of Saturn's moons. Venus had an atmosphere, and there was also clear proof that water existed on that planet. If Venus was inhabited, the sun would appear to her people twice as large as it does to us, and the planet would receive a much greater amount of light and heat from the sun than we do on this globe. If life exists there, it may be that the conditions of life are not only endurable by, but are required for the comfort of, the venusian people. With respect to Mars, all the primary conditions of life existed on its surface. It had an atmosphere, oceans, seas, rivers, winds, and meteorological phenomena analogous to our earth. Most probably life existed on that planet. But although life might not exist on some of the planets, yet there were others on which it abounded, and when we take into consideration the star depths of space, in which millions of suns and systems revolve, each sun with his family of planets travelling round him, we must conclude that life abounds throughout all space, as it has abounded on the earth in past time. We merely give a very brief and imperfect abstract of the leading ideas which the lecturer expressed in clear and appropriate language. His discourse was much applauded, and also was copiously illustrated by diagrams and pictures of the various bodies of the solar system.—*Town and Country*, August 28th.

An Extraordinary Find.

Much excitement has been occasioned at Emerald Hill and Sandridge by the reported discovery of a number of sovereigns buried in the sand on the line of the Military road, where a large number of laborers, employed by the Government, are now engaged. The Emerald Hill police were informed of the matter by Mr Henry Clark, foreman of the men, who made the following statement:—"About 12 months ago we were removing sand from the lower battery, next to St. Kilda, on the beach. Two men dug a plant of sovereigns and silver, to what amount I do not know. The men's names I do not know. They filled their hats with sand and gold and silver coins. Nothing more of the plant was heard until two months ago, when I picked up a King George's sovereign myself. On this day (19th August, 1880) I put 10 men, under the charge of Mr Balick, ganger, to work at the same place about 3 p.m. to remove sand. About 4 p.m. they found a quantity of sovereigns. One man put a quantity in a handkerchief, and several others picked up various sums, to what amount I do not know." Sergeant Bailey, of Emerald Hill, on receiving the report, went immediately to the spot indicated, and made as full an investigation as was possible under the circumstances. He ascertained that no silver had been found, as stated by Clark, but the discovery of gold and sovereigns was perfectly true. How large was the original amount of the treasure it is difficult to learn, but there is evidence that the amount must have been considerable. There are one or two persons who are known to have frequented the locality for the last 12 months who openly boast that they have made their "pile," and do not care how their ordinary business turns out for the future.

The ground had been worked over and over again in the various improvements carried on in the construction of the Military road, and in every change of the soil from one side to the other gold and sovereigns have been occasionally shovelled up by some lucky workman, who has invariably disappeared after this unlooked-for accession of riches. It is therefore impossible to form any estimate of the total amount picked up, but it is confidently asserted that two or three parties have secured at least from £100 to £300 each. It is known that one man got some 20 sovereigns in a shovelful of sand he was removing, but how many more cannot be ascertained, as he left the work at once and never returned. How the treasure came there, or to whom it originally belonged, remains a mystery. It was surmised at first that this was a portion of the Nelson gold robbery of 1852, for which Morgan, Duncan, and several others were convicted at the May sessions of that year; but nothing was taken from the Nelson but gold dust, whilst the St. Kilda discoveries are mainly in sovereigns. Another surmise is that this was a plant from Wieberg's robbery from the steamship *Avoca*; but there no gold dust was stolen—only sovereigns. The theory of Sergeant Bailey appears the most feasible. There was a large and flourishing encampment of Chinese fishermen at this spot at the height of the "gold fever," when fish were sold at exorbitant prices. Numbers of these Chinamen were digging, trafficking, or purchasing gold, and instead of placing their money in banks—in which it is well known they had no confidence—they banked in the sand. It is supposed that they then went away to other diggings and died, without leaving a trace behind. Last year a Mongolian skull was dug out of the sand in this locality. The partiality of Chinese for sovereigns in preference to any other kind of exchange is well known, and the fact that the find consists mostly of sovereigns supports this theory. The original owner of the treasure being undiscoverable, the find legally reverts to the Crown.—*Age*.

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